Clearance to Salgaon Dam Project, Rajasthan

4175. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : WiU the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(b) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested Government for expeditious clearance of the Salgaon Dam Project in Rajasthan;

(b) what is the significance of this project, and details in this regard; and

(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OFSTATEINTHEMINISTRYOF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Central Water Commission has not received the detailed project report on the Salgaon Dam Project for techno-economic appraisal from the State Government of Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dialogues with Neighbouring Countries for Sharing of River Water

4176. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force set up to evaluate the inter-linking of rivers has suggested dialogues with neighbouring Nepal and Sikkim on river water sharing;

(b) if so, whether such dialogues will also be held with Bangladesh; and

(c) whether it would have been appropriate to initiate such dialogues with neighbouring countries which should have been preceded by a consensus among the Indian States over sharing of their surplus river water?

THE MINISTER *OF* STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BUOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir.

(a) Docs not arise.

(b) With a view to bringing about a consensus among States and provide guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects and modalities for project funding etc., the Union Government has set up a Task Force on inter-linking of rivers on 13-12-2002. The Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers is required to consider international dimensions that may be involved in some project components.